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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2006, applicants elect Claims 1-11 and 19-23 of Group I, without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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